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OPENING OF THE NEW ACADEMY BUILDING

The first meeting to be held in the new Academy building will be the Stated Meeting of October 21. It is expected that the program for the meeting will be contributed by newly elected honorary Fellows.

PUBLIC HEALTH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

The subcommittee on the Psychopathic Service of Bellevue Hospital has reported as follows:

This department at Bellevue is designed to subserve the community in a field that is not covered by the state hospitals and to an extent that cannot be fulfilled either efficiently or economically by the state.

It provides temporary hospital facilities for observation of cases of mental disturbance that may prove to be cases that cannot be legally nor ought to be medically committed to a hospital for the insane—cases that are not insane, such as are referred by the courts to determine this fact, for example, prisoners before trial or after conviction; cases of alcoholic or drug addiction, mild confusional states, delirium, hysteria or epilepsy and mentally defective children and the so-called "problem" cases.

These various forms of mental affection are, very many of them, short-term cases, and within the legally restricted term of thirty days of hospital observation may be cured or improved

to an extent that permits returning them to the custody either of the court or of friends as the case may be. The clinic for mental hygiene established by the director of service in the Bellevue outpatient department has been of the greatest benefit to the community in this regard.

This department of Bellevue Hospital is vitally important as a municipal service—quite as much so, for example, as the tuberculosis service, and as logically a part of a large municipal general hospital as any other special service.

It does the work of the commissions in lunacy and in vastly more expeditious manner, thus saving thousands of dollars yearly to the community.

The work of this department has far out-grown in buildings and in bed-capacity the needs of the city and the capabilities of the medical staff and nursing corps hitherto provided.

The suggestion that the Psychiatric Institute to be organized at the new Columbia-Presbyterian medical center by the state can perform these functions is not tenable. This is not designed in any manner to undertake the work necessary to be done which is indicated above, and the responsibility for which properly devolves upon the city and not upon the state. It is purely for research work in psychiatry and for the teaching of psychiatry to medical students.

At Bellevue a very important service rendered by the department is educational. This is one of its most valuable functions both to undergraduates and in the practical post-graduate instruction to those who desire to devote themselves to this special field.

The fact that the state has assumed responsibility in providing care for tuberculous and orthopedic patients does not absolve local communities from such responsibility. No more does it in cases of mental disease.

The needs of the psychopathic department at Bellevue are as urgent as the needs for a new outpatient department. The plans for the latter are drawn, the site designated, and the work of construction could be begun long before the plans and site for a new psychopathic building can be made ready. Both are of pressing necessity. What can and should be done at once, however, is to provide two additional physicians and about thirty

more nurses; the physicians would be required to live outside the hospital, but dormitory and other maintenance are available now for the additional number of nurses required.

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FELLOWSHIP MAY 6, 1926

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Joseph Lintz, M.D., 272 West 89th Street.
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DEATHS OF FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY

George Augustus Peck, M.D., Professional Building, Roosevelt Sq., New Rochelle, N. Y.; born in Newtown, Conn., June 5, 1866; graduated in medicine from The College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1891; elected a Fellow of the Academy December 7, 1905; died April 23, 1926. Dr. Peck was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Urological Society, a member of the Obstetrical and Gynecological